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TO: Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Foster-Glocester Regional School District

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Council will be asked to review and approve projects each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve Necessity of School Construction applications. A chart summarizing Foster-Glocester Regional School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects for the Foster-Glocester Regional School District totaling \$4,485,000 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$2,263,898, which includes \$339,585 in pay-as-you-go funding):

Foster-Glocester Regional School District:

a. Repairs and Renovations:

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| i. | Ponaganset Middle School | \$ | 1,020,000 |
| ii. | Ponaganset High School | \$ | 3,465,000 |

SUMMARY: FY 2019 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

FOSTER-GLOCESTER REGIONAL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2019 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
Districtwide Repairs	This project will address repairs at Ponangaset Middle School and Ponaganset High School. The proposed repairs will address ADA deficiencies, exterior envelope repairs, site repairs, electrical system improvements, repairs to address code compliance and life safety issues, as well as educational enhancements.	This project will address high priority deficiencies in fire safety systems, HVAC and mechanical systems, exterior envelope, electrical, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety. The project will also provide educational enhancements to align the LEA's Career Tech facilities to the educational program.	Base Rate 50%	\$4,485,000	\$2,263,898	\$2,263,898
			Maximum Rate 70%***	\$4,485,000	\$3,160,898	\$3,160,898

* State share ratio is based on FY2019 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

*** District may be eligible for up to 20% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.